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# TEMPLE BETH EL

Share our past Shape our future

February 2020

Shevat – Adar 5780

PJF Lecture Series welcomes Dr. Marie-Thérèse Champagne, PhD



This year the Pensacola Jewish Federation is excited to feature for our annual lecture series UWF's own Dr. Marie-Thérèse Champagne, PhD. Dr. Champagne is an Associate Professor of History and Fellow, Askew Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies.

"At Home in the Civic Fabric of Rome: The Roman Jewish Community in the Twelfth Century"

Wednesday, February 5, 5:30pm

#### **B'nai Israel**

In the twelfth century, the vibrant Jewish community in Rome participated in civic ceremonial along with the rest of the city's residents. The Roman Jewish community most likely originated in the second century BCE with emissaries from the Maccabees who settled in the city. After many centuries of continuous residence, that long-established community's perception of the physical environment of Rome closely paralleled that of Christians. During a resurgence of interest in ancient Rome during the twelfth century, both groups understood certain landmarks in the city identically, even though they were mistaken! Thus the Roman Jews shared in the "landscape of cultural memory" with the rest of the Roman population as integral participants of the community.

"Hebraica Veritas, the Hebrew Truth: A Medieval Telephone to the Past"

Thursday, February 6, 11:30am  
Temple Beth El

Near the middle of the twelfth century, one Christian scholar in Rome, Nicolaus Maniacutius, endeavored to correct the biblical text of his Book of Psalms by using a very effective but unusual method, consulting with Jewish scholars and comparing his Latin text with their Sefer tehillim. After centuries of hand-copying, the Latin text contained many errors, additions, and deletions. Nicolaus considered the Hebrew text to be the Hebraica veritas, the Hebrew Truth, and the most accurate form of the text. The long tradition of absolute accuracy when copying the Hebrew text also added to its authority. Nicolaus recorded his consultations with "a certain Spanish Jew learned in the writings of several languages." While he did not reveal the name of his Jewish counterpart, that scholar was probably Abraham ibn Ezra, one of the most influential of the medieval Jewish scholars, who left Spain and lived in Rome from c. 1140-1143. Apparently Abraham was as much of a stickler for accuracy as was Nicolaus; both men placed a high value on careful, precise methodology, and would have collaborated not as enemies, but as co-scholars.

Both lectures are free and open to the public. You are invited to bring a brown bag lunch to the lecture on 2/6. For more information please contact Steve Rome at [srome@cox.net](mailto:srome@cox.net)

## Worship and Study Schedule

February 7 at Azalea Trace 4pm.  
February 7, TBE 6pm  
featuring participation from students in  
School for Jewish Living and followed by  
covered dish dinner  
February 8 Torah Study, 9:00 am

February 14, 7pm  
February 21, 7pm  
February 22 Torah Study, 9:00 am  
February 28, 7pm Sisterhood Centennial Shabbat



### Sisterhood News

Our January program was one of the best ever, thanks to Steve Nissim's presentation of his father's amazing survival journey during the Holocaust! (Plus the Greek food was enjoyed by all!) As usual, special thanks go to the Board members who pitched in to prepare, plate and serve lunch to 45 people – a task way too much for Eva to handle on her own.

Our February event is a centennial celebration for Temple Beth El Sisterhood. It is set for the evening of Friday, February 28 and will be preceded at 5:30 PM by a special dinner complete with appetizers and wine by Ed's Catering. The meal is \$25 which covers a choice of either Chicken Marbella or Eggplant Marbella accompanied by: Haricots Verts, Gourmet Rice Medley, and Sherbet. Table décor will be especially memorable, so don't miss seeing it! Services begin at 7 PM and will be followed by a gala dessert oneg. We will salute the women who have served as presidents over the decades. Many other members will participate in the service. We hope you will join us as we mark 100 years of Sisterhood at Temple Beth El on this very special occasion.

Another opportunity is available for those who would like to send greetings to the past, present, and future Sisterhood members and leaders. We are accepting greetings to print in a commemorative booklet. Greetings could come from individuals, families or businesses. The cost is \$15 for a single line greeting, \$60 for a half page greeting and \$120 for a full page greeting that will be printed in a keepsake booklet. Funds raised will be used to pay for commemorative recognition in the memorial garden marking Sisterhood's service to the Temple for 100 years. Greeting donations must be received by 2/14 and dinner reservations by 2/21.

It is a privilege to serve as TBE Sisterhood President, but this event makes my term particularly meaningful on a personal level. I hope you will mark your calendars and attend Sisterhood Shabbat on February 28.

Pat

### Temple Beth El Sisterhood

February 28, 2020  
5:30 pm

Please join us for the Temple Beth El Sisterhood Centennial Celebration

Dinner \$25.00  
By reservation only  
Menu:  
Chicken or Eggplant Marbella  
Rice Medley  
Haricot Verts  
Sherbet

Sisterhood led service at 7:00 pm  
Gala Dessert Oneg  
Dinner reservations are due by 2/21/20

Please RSVP to sisterhood@templebethelofpensacola.org



Tu B'shvat Planting  
Sunday, February 9, Noon  
409 Montrose Ave, Gulf Breeze, 32561

The Social Justice Team invites Temple members of all ages to join them in celebrating.

**Tu B'shvat, Jewish Earth Day, with an afternoon of planting and cleanup on Deadman's Island in Gulf Breeze.**

Transportation to island via boat from Wein Family home. Parking is available in neighborhood. Please do not block driveways or park on grass.

Lunch will be provided. Please bring a reusable water bottle. For more information or to RSVP please contact Dawn Wein, 850-565-0617



### Be Informed...

Introduction to Judaism  
Continuing Sunday, February 2  
10:00-11:30am  
Temple Beth El

Want to know more about Judaism? Thinking about conversion? Not sure how to answer your children's questions about Jewish holidays? Join us for Introduction to Judaism! Together we will explore Jewish belief, sacred text, Jewish holidays, lifecycle events, and important historical events. The class will meet weekly (on Sundays when School for Jewish Living meets) through April 5. For more information or to RSVP contact Rabbi Joel



Parent Conversation:  
Responding to Anti-Semitism  
Sunday, February 2  
11:30am-12:15pm  
Temple Beth El

Rabbi Joel and Andrea Fleekop will facilitate a parent discussion on the rise of anti-Semitism and the implications on/for our children. We will share resources and support to help children and families as they confront this hatred.

Please welcome the newest members of Temple Beth El  
Bob and Leah Arujo

Oneg Shabbat sponsors:

- Feb. 7 Covered Dish Dinner
- Feb. 14 Alexander Family
- Feb. 21 Liz Broder
- Feb. 28 Sisterhood Shabbat

Contact Cindy Pinhas to volunteer: cpinhas@aol.com 310-944-4554

Federation in February

Create your own Tzedakah Box! Event for kids. Join PJ library and Chabad for a fun children's afternoon. The event is for ages 8 and under, we will have lunch, dance together and decorate personal Tzedakah boxes!  
See you there!

WHEN: Sun. Feb. 2nd, 12:30 PM  
WHERE: Pensacola Library, 239 N Spring St.

Show Night-**"The Spy" and "When Heroes Fly" We will be watching the 2 final episodes of "The Spy"**.

WHEN: Tuesday Feb. 4th, 5:00 PM  
After that, we will start a new Israeli series "When Heroes Fly"  
Four former IDF veterans who served together in the 2006 Lebanon War, are reunited for a rescue mission in Colombia.  
WHEN: Tuesday, Feb. 18th, 5 PM  
WHERE: Temple Beth El

Cafe Israel - "The Wandering Iraqi Jew" Keren Aslan (Shani's mom) will be telling her story as a Jew that was born in Iraq, and wandered around the Middle East until she settled in Israel. Join us for this special opportunity!  
WHEN: Thur. Feb. 13th, 6:00 PM  
WHERE: Shirley's Cafe and Bakery, 1014 Underwood Ave.

Chai Discussion  
Our topic this month is: Trump, if so supportive of Israel, why will most American Jews vote for the Democratic contender?  
Bring your lunch and a friend!  
WHEN: Tuesday, Feb. 18th 11:45-1:00 PM  
WHERE: Temple Beth El

Adult Hebrew Lessons  
We welcome anyone who wants to join us for our fun and educating classes!  
WHEN: Monday Feb. 3rd  
Advanced- 5 PM Beginners- 6 PM  
WHERE: B'nai Israel Classroom

The Harrowing Story of Irving Roth  
Irving, an Auschwitz death camp survivor, will be sharing his personal story.  
WHEN: Mon. Feb 3, 5:30 PM  
WHERE: UWF Building 58 A, Room 101

Tea with Shani  
I'm looking forward to getting to know you more - And what's better than doing so with a cup of tea? (or coffee if you want!) Get in touch with Shani via Phone/Email  
The best coffee/tea location will win an Israeli award!



Grief Workshops - Caring for Ourselves and Our Community

Grief comes in many different shapes and forms. It could be the loss of a job, or the loss of a life. And no one escapes the reality of grief.

Come explore on March 5 and March 12, from 5:30-7:30pm how grief impacts our lives, and how we might better care for ourselves and those around us.

These two, two hour sessions will be led by Dr. Don Winslett. Dr Winslett, both a licensed psychologist and ordained pastor, directs the work of the Center for Clergy Care and Education. He has extensive training and experience in working with those in grief, and also helping others to offer better care to those experiencing grief.

Light dinner will be served. For more information or to RSVP to Kathy Smith at Temple, 438-3321

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays							
1st	Leah Dannheisser	7th	Philip Broder	16th	Isaac Haims	26th	Frank Segal
	Logan Schilling	8th	Rivka Velikanova	17th	Bill Zimmern	27th	Myra Kahn
	Dana Gamel	9th	Jean Rosenberg		William Sackheim		Rebecca Soloway
	Nick Neisler	10th	Lewis Bear, Jr.	18th	Sara Lowery	28th	Leonid Yanovskiy
	Cait Gross	11th	Carol Brown		Priscylla Alexander		
2nd	Julianne Lewis	12th	Rhett Gross		Sarah Watson	Anniversaries	
	Liz McCulley		Wendy Rutland	20th	Charlotte Morris	8th	Rose and Bill
	Rhonda Saunders		Rhett Gross	21st	Elizabeth Haims		Kuhhirte
3rd	Jeffrey B. Trattner		Veronica Bloomer		Glen Faulk	22nd	Celeste and Alan
	Cameron Radon	13th	Ray Engel	22nd	Sydney McAbee		Krys
4th	Janet Schilling		Kerlani Flores	23rd	Claire Ades	28th	Kym and Martin
5th	Joyce Dannheisser	15th	Inessa Katsnelson		Louis Rosenbloum		Lewis
6th	Sue Levin		Jeff Buchalter	24th	John-Daniel Sullivan		
7th	Hannah Zimmern		Lynn Cacace		Forrest Faulkner		
			Ellen Deaver				



Donations

Jonathan L. Kahn Library Fund:  
 In honor of Bettie Kahn's Special Birthday from Joyce and Bert Dannheisser  
 In memory of Amelia Wagenheim from Joyce and Bert Dannheisser

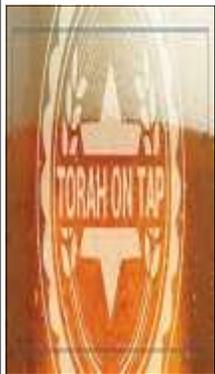
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 A donation was made by Rose and Mitchell Schecter  
 A donation was made by Jevon, Pola, Willow and Zoey Young  
 A donation was made by Joel and Faith Yasman  
 A donation was made by Mark and Brenda Rollins  
 In memory of David Fleekop from Joel and Sue Levin  
 A donation was made by Chip and Faye Merritt  
 A donation was made by Teri Von Bargen  
 In honor of Matt Dannheisser from Mike Stebbins and Pamela Moine

Sylvia Rosenbloum Cole Music Fund:  
 In honor of Denise and Louis Rosenbloum's 40th wedding anniversary from Sydney McAbee

Capital Improvement and Maintenance Reserve Fund:  
 In memory of Benjie Paula Levin from Ray and Carol Engel



Jewish Belief and Ethics  
 Thursday, February 20, 10 am  
 Azalea Trace in the Azalea Room  
 Join friends at Azalea Trace for a morning of learning and conversation. Our topic this month will be  
**"Purim - An Adult Perspective."**  
 For more information contact  
 Rabbi Joel at 850-438-3321.



Torah on Tap  
 Union Public House,  
 309 S. Reus St.  
 Tuesday, February 4  
 Join Rabbi Joel and friends for a beverage and lively discussion. Our discussion this month will be "Paths to Peace:  
**Strength vs. Compromise?"**  
 Schmoozing starts at 5:00, learning at 5:30. For more information contact  
 Rabbi Joel at 850-438-3321

Shabbaton 2020 Recap and Thanks.....

Shabbaton 2020 is now in the history books. After a light breakfast of bagels and nosh, the event began with a wonderful service led by Rabbi Joel with help from Student Rabbi Ashley Barrett from Fort Walton and beautiful music provided by Michael Walker and his fellow musicians. There were several sessions of Jewish enlightenment provided by the Rabbis and Greg Watson in his session on Jewish Millionaire. There were plenty of creative opportunities for kids and adults led by Andrea Fleekop, Kym Lewis, Lynn & Rich Cacace. There was interesting sports talk led by Steve Nissim our local Pensacola sportscaster as well as activities to make us healthier such as Yoga led by Teddy Ward and Tai Chi led by Logan Schilling. There were a number of educational and fun activities with a Jewish theme such as Yiddish Blessings & Curses led by Lori Ripps & Molly Gross, Jews in Movies led by Ray Engel and Renee Eilen, and Jews in Science led by Steve Rome. Renee Eilen also conducted a paper bag drama program. Steve Eilen & Chuck Lisner enlightened us with their amazing pictures of wildlife and how they were achieved, while Maria Goldberg provided a tour of the wonderful artwork throughout the Temple. Shani Aslan our Schlichah, made sure kids had fun doing Israeli games and adults had fun in other games and showing some Israeli comedy. During this same time Dr Ed Siegel led the tea teetotalers in a spirited sing along.

Of course, no Jewish event can ever be held without food and Sydney McAbee with help from Janet Schilling, Ellen Deaver and Judith Salpeter taught cooking classes and provided for all the wonderful food served throughout the Shabbaton. Special thanks go to Renee & Steve Eilen and Zvi & Judith Salpeter for sponsoring the catered lunch. Extra touches were provided by Carol Rosenblatt and Eliana McCulley for Face Painting and Sean Chaffee for setting up and taking creative pictures in his photography booth. The event closed with Havdallah and for those who stayed for dinner, a great dinner catered by Four Seasons. Before and during dinner we were serenaded by beautiful music and singing by Michael & Gina Walker. Thanks also go out to Eva and Tierra who provided kitchen help through the day, Pat Braunstien who collected money and arranged for centerpieces and Nick and the Pensacola police to seeing to our safety.

Finally, and not least, special thanks go out to the Shabbaton Planning Committee of Hynda Rome, Sydney McAbee, Renee Eilen, Andrea Fleekop and Rabbi Joel Fleekop.

We hope we achieved our goal of nourishing our souls, increasing our understanding of things Jewish, having fun and building & strengthening friendships.

Ray Engel  
 Shabbaton 2020 Chair



Yahrzeits

*To be read on February 7*

- 1st Philip Bodziner  
Celia Brunstein
- 2nd Bernice Herr  
Evelyn Needle  
Shirley Pearlman
- 3rd Anna Cirola  
Julian Lewis  
Sam Hyams
- 4th Louise May Kolstein
- 7th Fred Levy  
Nettje Woolenberg  
Rachel Levi

*To be read on February 14*

- 8th Annie E. Gerhardt  
Reuben Smith  
Liz Picard
- 9th Philip Jaffe  
Gerson Mayer  
Sidney Steinberg  
Berta Livshits  
Erna Reischer
- 10th Bennie Rumpfelt  
Maxine Lee
- 11th Dora Herschkovitz  
Berdana Branberg  
Ira Miller  
Anna Brown  
Caroline Kahn
- 12th Henry A. Morris  
Mildred Block Klein
- 13th Lewis Bear, Sr.  
Robert John Orth  
William D. Pollak  
Irving Steinberg  
Jeffrey Marcus
- 14th Leonty Yanovskiy

*To be read on February 21*

- 15th Adolph Greenhut  
David Malca  
Sara Abitbol  
Matilda Levin
- 16th Tillie Cohen  
Harry Vigodsky
- 17th Charles Reischer  
John Frenkel, Sr.  
Lubina Waz
- 18th Rose Gitenstein  
Henry Alpheus Morris  
Pat Marcus
- 19th Meir Lachman  
Arnold Grossman  
Jack Kugelman  
Gilbert Leavitt
- 20th Hilda Bear Kahn  
Joseph M. Levy  
Dr. Mozart A. Lischkoff  
Eleanor Weiner  
Hylde N. Eitel  
Marian Baer  
Mildred Stone  
Eva Frances Miller

*To be read on February 28*

- 22nd Joseph Feig  
Mary Ester Curland  
David Rosenbloum  
Pearl Ann Levy Silverstein
- 23rd Etta Cohen  
Florence Lehman  
Joseph Reed
- 24th Rena Cohen  
Fannie Frenkel  
Eddie Zukrow

**To be read on February 28, con't.**

- 25th Horace Stern  
Gloria Whitsit
- 26th Nathan Berlin  
Ada Gerson  
Fannie Lesser  
Max Krumbein  
Vicki Feinstein  
Ethel Klein
- 27th Anita Prout  
Virginia Ginny Oatman  
Debbie Pearce  
Audrey Broder
- 28th Betty Samson  
Harry Levin



The congregation extends its condolences to Joel and Sue Levin on the passing of **Joel's sister, Benjie Paula Levin.** **May Benjie's memory endure as a source of comfort and blessing.**

**Zichronah L'vracha**

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February 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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